

NEWSPAPER NOTICE

NOVEON KALAMA, INC., TACOMA WASHINGTON

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR DRAFT CLEANUP ACTION PLAN AND COMPLIANCE MONITORING PLAN

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is issuing a draft Cleanup Action Plan and draft Compliance Monitoring Plan for public comment. The proposed Cleanup Action Plan and Compliance Monitoring Plan are for the Noveon Kalama, Inc. chemical manufacturing facility located between Interstate 5 and the Columbia River in the Kalama Industrial Park at 1296 Third Street NW, Kalama, Washington.

The site includes an operating organic chemical manufacturing plant that uses toluene to produce benzene, benzoic acid, phenol and other chemicals used in food preservatives, insecticides, fragrances and pharmaceuticals. A wetlands area is located on the property north of the chemical plant.

The proposed cleanup actions include ongoing interim cleanup measures, providing soil vapor extraction to clean the highest contaminated soils, and installing additional extraction wells and *in-situ* treatment to accelerate the cleanup of contaminated groundwater.

As the lead agency for the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), Ecology determined that implementing the proposed cleanup actions and compliance monitoring will not have a significant adverse environmental impact and issued a determination of non-significance (DNS). The SEPA DNS is included with the draft Cleanup Action Plan and Compliance Monitoring Plan for public comment.

Ecology is seeking public comment on the draft Cleanup Action Plan, draft Compliance Monitoring Plan and SEPA DNS within thirty (30) days of the date of this notice, July 15 to August 13, 2004.

To get a copy of the draft Cleanup Action Plan, draft Compliance Monitoring Plan and SEPA DNS contact Leon Wilhelm at 360-407-6362 (voice) or 711 or 1-800-833-6388 (TTY relay service), by email at leow461@ecy.wa.gov or at the address below, or visit Ecology's web site: www.ecy.wa.gov

To be considered, comments must be postmarked or received, by either email or hand delivery, by August 13, 2004. To submit comments, send a letter or email to: Leon Wilhelm, Department of Ecology, Hazardous Waste & Toxics Reduction Program, Southwest Regional Office, P.O. Box 47775, Olympia, WA 98504-7775. If comments are emailed, please provide a name and US mail address.

Or, hand deliver to Leon Wilhelm at the Department of Ecology, Hazardous Waste & Toxics Reduction Program, Southwest Regional Office, 300 Desmond Drive, Lacey, WA 98503.

The draft Cleanup Action Plan, Compliance Monitoring Plan, and SEPA and checklist and fact sheet can be reviewed during regular library hours at:

The Kalama Library 312 North First Kalama, Washington

Or at The Department of Ecology, Hazardous Waste & Toxics Reduction Program, Southwest Regional Office, 300 Desmond Drive, Lacey, Washington, between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

If significant interest is expressed, Ecology will hold a public meeting. To request a public meeting, or special accommodations for a meeting, contact Leon Wilhelm by phone, letter, or e-mail by July 25 at the addresses and phone number above. If no significant interest is expressed, Ecology will not hold a public meeting. To find out if a public meeting will be held, and/or its date and location, contact Leon Wilhelm after July 26, 2004.

Ecology will consider and respond to all written comments and any comments received during a public meeting, if held. After considering the comments Ecology will make final decisions or new tentative decisions.

Ecology is an Equal Opportunity Agency. If you need this information in alternative format, or you have special accommodation needs for a meeting, if held, contact Leon Wilhelm or 711 or 1-800-833-6388 (TTY relay service).